GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH <u>A B S T R A C T</u>

Prisons Department – Sri P.Varuna Reddy, the then Jailor, District Jail, Anantapur, presently at SICA, Hyderabad – Review petition filed against the punishment awarded by the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, AP, Hyderabad – Modification – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.NO. 367

DATED: 08-02-2013 Read the following:-

- 1. Proceedings of the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad No.EB3/587/2008-4, dated 20-03-2010.
- 2. Government Memo No.20352/Pri/A1/2011-2, dated 24-09-2011.
- 3. From the Director General & Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.No.Estt(G3)53/2012, dated 29-01-2012.

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ORDER:

Whereas Sri P.Varuna Reddy while working at District Jail, Anantapur, exhibited gross negligence which resulted in murder of Convict Prisoner No.2123 Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy alias Moddu Srinu, in District Jail, Anantapur on 09-11-2008 by another remand co-prisoner by beating with a dumb-bell, the following articles of charges were framed against Sri P.Varuna Reddy, the then Jailor, District Jail, Anantapur, presently at SICA, Hyderabad under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide Memo dated 21-02-2009:

ARTICLE-I

"That Sri P.Varuna Reddy, Jailor (under suspension) while working at District Jail, Anantapur utterly failed to identify a prohibited article "Dumb Bell" under the possession of Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy and failed to keep effective watch over the movements of prisoners by supervising and motivating the Guarding force, which resulted in the gruesome murder of Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy @ Moddu Sreenu. It amounts to total failure in supervision and lack of motivating skills and violation of Rule 159 of A.P.Prison Rules, 1979 and Rule-3 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE-II

"That Sri P.Varuna Reddy, Jailor (under suspension) while working at District Jail, Anantapur failed to implement / supervise the security aspects of the Jail by not transferring Omprakash from Yamuna Block where S.I category prisoner Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy was confined to a different block, and he has not maintained the Barrack wise Attendance Register/Barrack wise list of prisoners which resulted in the murder of Julakanti Srinivasa Reddy @ Moddu Sreenu by another prisoner Omprakash. It amounts to gross negligence, dereliction of duty, misconduct and violation of the Rules 153, Rule 48 (1) read with Rule 861 (11) of A.P.Prison Rules, 1979 and Rule-3 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

ARTICLE-III

"That Sri P.Varuna Reddy, Jailor (under suspension) while working at District Jail, Anantapur has not complied with the instructions of the Deputy Inspector General of Prisons (RR) Kadapa issued on 20-10-2008 viz. continuing to confine remand prisoners with convict prisoner in a single barrack, in spite of instructions to the contrary.

2. After conducting a detailed enquiry under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and following the due procedure the Director General and Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad vide reference 1st read above awarded the following punishment to Sri. P.Varuna Reddy:

"Postponement of his increment for the period of two years with cumulative effect on future increments and pension and suspension period treated as not duty."

- 3. Aggrieved by the said punishment, the individual filed an appeal petition to the Government which was examined and rejected vide reference 2nd read above.
- 4. In the reference 3rd cited, the Director General & Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, forwarded the Review petition filed by Sri P.Varuna Reddy, the then Jailor, District Jail, Anantapur, presently at SICA, Hyderabad.
- 5. Government have examined the matter carefully, taking into account his representation and the records made available, and have decided to modify the penalty of "postponement of his increment for the period of two years with cumulative effect on future increments and pension" issued by Director General and Inspector General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad vide Proceedings 1st read above.
- 6. Accordingly, the Government in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 33 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 hereby allow the Review Petition partly, duly modifying the penalty of "postponement of his increment for the period of two years with cumulative effect on future increments and pension" to that of "withholding of his annual grade increment for one year without cumulative effect".
- 7. The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, AP, Hyderabad, shall take further action accordingly. The original records received through reference 3rd read above are returned herewith and its receipt may be acknowledge.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRABHAKAR D.THOMAS SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (F.A.C)

Τo

The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad. The individual **through** the Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad.

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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//